

Amendment to Claims.

Please amend the claims as follows

1. (currently amended) A method of forwarding a communication, comprising:

receiving for each of a plurality of users an indication having one selected from a first state and a  
5 second state;

receiving the communication having a source identifier;

retrieving at least one of said indications;

responsive to the at least one indication retrieved  
10 having the first state, forwarding the communication with the source identifier received with the communication; and

responsive to the at least one indication retrieved having the second state, forwarding the communication with an alternate source identifier different from the source  
15 identifier received with the communication.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one indication is retrieved responsive to at least one selected from the source identifier and an alternate identifier sent with the communication.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the source identifier comprises an IP address.

4. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the alternate identifier comprises a MAC address.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication comprises a packet.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate source identifier comprises an identifier of a device forwarding the communication.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication is received at a device that provides access to a network for the communication.

8. (original) A system for forwarding a communication, comprising:

a privileges requestor having a privileges input operatively coupled for receiving for each of a plurality of users, an indication having one selected from a first state and a second state, the privileges requestor for providing at an output at least one of the indications;

an access point manager having an input operatively coupled for receiving the communication having at least one selected from a source identifier and an alternate identifier, the access point manager for building and providing at an output a second communication responsive to the first communication; and

a network address translation manager having a  
15 communication input coupled to the access point manager for  
receiving at least a portion of the second communication,  
and a privileges input coupled to the privileges requestor  
output for receiving the at least one indications, the  
network address translation manager for providing at an  
20 output a third communication comprising:

at least a portion of the source identifier,  
responsive to at least one of the at least one indications  
received at the privileges requestor input having the first  
state; and

25 a third source identifier responsive to at least one  
of the at least one indications received at the privileges  
requestor input having the second state.

9. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein:

the privileges requestor additionally has an  
identifier input, the at least one of the indications  
provided at the privileges requestor output responsive to  
5 the privileges requestor identifier input; and

the network address translation manager additionally  
comprising an identifier output coupled to the privileges  
requestor input, the network address translation manager  
additionally for providing at the identifier output at

10    least one selected from the source identifier and the  
alternate identifier.

10. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein the  
source identifier comprises an IP address.

11. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein the  
alternate identifier comprises a MAC address.

12. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein the  
communication comprises a packet.

13. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein the  
alternate source identifier comprises an identifier of a  
device forwarding the communication.

14. (previously presented) The system of claim 8,  
wherein the communication is received at a device that  
provides access to a network for the communication.

15. (currently amended) A computer program product  
comprising a computer useable medium having computer  
readable program code embodied therein for forwarding a  
communication, comprising computer readable program code  
5    devices configured to cause a computer to:  
receive for each of a plurality of users an indication  
having one selected from a first state and a second state;  
receive the communication having a source identifier;  
retrieve at least one of said indications;

10 responsive to the at least one indication retrieved  
having the first state, forward the communication with the  
source identifier received with the communication; and

responsive to the at least one indication retrieved  
having the second state, forward the communication with an  
15 alternate source identifier different from the source  
identifier received with the communication.

16. (previously presented) The computer program  
product of claim 15 wherein the at least one indication is  
retrieved responsive to at least one selected from the  
source identifier and an alternate identifier sent with the  
5 communication.

17. (previously presented) The computer program  
product of claim 15, wherein the source identifier  
comprises an IP address.

18. (previously presented) The computer program  
product of claim 16 wherein the alternate identifier  
comprises a MAC address.

19. (previously presented) The computer program  
product of claim 15 wherein the communication comprises a  
packet.

20. (currently amended) The computer program product  
of claim [1] 15 wherein the alternate source identifier

comprises an identifier of a device forwarding the communication.

21. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the communication is received at a device that provides access to a network for the communication.

22. (currently amended) An apparatus for forwarding a communication, comprising:

means for receiving for each of a plurality of users an indication having one selected from a first state and a  
5 second state;

means for receiving the communication having a source identifier;

means for retrieving at least one of said indications;  
and

10 means for:

responsive to the at least one indication retrieved having the first state, forwarding the communication with the source identifier received with the communication; and

responsive to the at least one indication retrieved  
15 having the second state, forwarding the communication with an alternate source identifier different from the source identifier received with the communication.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:

the forwarding is performed over a network responsive to the indication retrieved having the first state; and

the forwarding is performed over the network  
5 responsive to the indication retrieved having the second state.

24. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein:

the forwarding is performed over a network responsive to the indication retrieved having the first state; and

5 the forwarding is performed over the network responsive to the indication retrieved having the second state.

25 (previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein:

the network address translation manager provides the third communication to a network responsive to the  
5 indication retrieved having the second state; and

the network address translation manager provides the third communication to the network responsive to the indication retrieved having the first state.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein

the forwarding step is performed over a network  
responsive to the indication retrieved having the first  
5 state; and

the forwarding step is performed over the network  
responsive to the indication retrieved having the second  
state.